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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Namibia

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
January 2001 to 31 December 2001

I. Background and justification

1. The first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Namibia was approved by the Executive Board at its second regular session 1997 for the period 1997 to 2000.

2. Following the common country assessment (CCA) and extensive consultations with stakeholders, the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) was prepared and submitted to the Government in September 2000. Preparations for the second five-year development plan are currently under way, as is the elaboration of a long-term national vision — Vision 2030. Both will be completed in 2001. The Government has therefore requested a one-year extension so that the new CCF can incorporate these developments.

II. Objectives

3. The objectives of the first CCF for Namibia, which was prepared in collaboration with the Government, remain valid: (a) capacity-building for development management; (b) integrated community-based rural and urban poverty reduction; (c) small- and medium-scale enterprise and entrepreneurship development; and (d) water management. Some illustrations of UNDP strategic interventions are:

(a) *Capacity-building for development management.* UNDP has been assisting the Government in the design and implementation of training programmes and in developing an aid coordination policy and aid management capability. It has also helped to facilitate meetings between donors to share experiences and to discuss sectoral and other policy issues;

(b) *Integrated community-based rural and urban poverty reduction.* UNDP has been working on an integrated community-based poverty-reduction programme, which includes a pilot programme in the Ohangwena region. In urban areas, UNDP is helping to implement a programme that provides shelter and training to street children. It also supports a programme to empower Namibian women in economic activities and decision-making. In collaboration with other United Nations organizations, UNDP backs

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government efforts to extend basic social services to the poor, in particular those with HIV/AIDS;

(c) *Small- and medium-scale enterprise and entrepreneurship development.* UNDP supports the Government in its efforts to rationalize and consolidate the numerous existing incentive schemes and to provide better information about existing possibilities for potential entrepreneurs. Included are a number of training activities, the development of informal markets, the improvement of access to credit, technology and markets and the establishment of a policy and legislative framework conducive to small- and medium-scale enterprise development;

(d) *Water management.* The Government has already mobilized some donor funds for water activities. While this is not an area of concentration, UNDP supports the Government in its efforts to address the water problem comprehensively by contributing to the design of a national water strategy and by facilitating dialogue on water issues, within the context of the Southern African Development Community and the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa. UNDP also helps to formulate and implement projects and programmes for which the Government will seek financing from various global environmental funds.

III. Recommendation

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Namibia for a period of one year, from January 2001 to 31 December 2001.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Namibia (2000-2001)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated carry-over into 2000	(452)	
TRAC 1.1.1	2 050	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
TCDC	250	
SPPD/STS	1 108	
Subtotal	**2 956**	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	576	
Third party cost-sharing	180	
Funds, trust funds and other	5 536	
of which:		
Trust Fund	506	
Enterprise Africa	30	
GEF	5 000	
Subtotal	**6 292**	
Grand total	**9 248**[a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environmental Facility; SPPD = Support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core; UNIFEM = United Nations Development Fund for Women.